

## AMENDMENTS

### Amendments to the Specification:

At page 2, beginning at line 2, insert the following replacement paragraph:

This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/964,162, now abandoned, filed on November 4, 1997, which is a continuing application of U. S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/030,302, filed November 5, 1996, the content of which is specifically incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. The United States government has rights in the present invention pursuant to grant number HL-45851 from the National Institutes of Health.

## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The specification has been amended to correct the priority data.

### CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the foregoing remarks fully respond to all outstanding matters for this application. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of all claims be withdrawn so they may pass to issuance.

Should the Examiner desire to sustain any of the rejections discussed in relation to this Response, the courtesy of a telephonic conference between the Examiner, the Examiner's supervisor, and the undersigned attorney at 512-536-3081 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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